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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: SOVIET POSITION ON UNTAG FINANCING

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON BJOERNAR UTHEIM, MFA DIRECTOR, OFFICE
OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, TO DISCUSS UNTAG
FINANCING AND THE SOVIET POSITION THEREON. DRAWING ON
STATE 192354, EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT SOVIET UNWILLINGNESS
TO IMPLEMENT BASIC UNTAG RESOLUTION COULD ESTABLISH A

VERY UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT FOR CASES THAT WERE MUCH LESS CLEAR CUT THAN NAMIBIA; BUT THAT SOVIET SENSITIVITY TO AFRICAN PRESSURES COULD PERHAPS BRING MOSCOW AROUND.

2. THEM AGREED WITH BOTH POINTS AND SAID THAT THE GON HAD ALREADY PLANNED TO RAISE UNTAG FINANCING PROBLEM AT THE NORDIC MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OFFICE DIRECTORS MEETING AUGUST 17 AND 18 IN COPENHAGEN. HE WOULD NOW FURTHER SUGGEST, HE SAID, THAT THE SCANDINAVIAN GOVERNMENTS MAKE SOME SORT OF CONCERTED EFFORT WITH THE SOVIETS PERHAPS UTILIZING CONTACTS WITH CERTAIN AFRICAN GROUPS. UTHEIM CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE WAS NOT COMPLETELY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE CHANCES FOR GAINING SOVIET SUPPORT OF THE NAMIBIA OPERATION.

3. TURNING TO NORWAY'S AS YET UNOFFICIAL NOMINEES FOR POSITIONS ON COMMISSIONER AHTSAARI'S STAFF (SEE OSLO EUPYLN UTHEIM SAID THEY HAD HEARD NOTHING FURTHER AND REALLY DID NOT EXPECT TO UNTIL AHTSAARI RETURNED. HE SAID HE HOPED FOR USG SUPPORT FOR THE GON'S CANDIDATES WHEN THE TIME ARRIVED. EMBOFF AGREED THAT IT WAS PREMATURE TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT.
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